GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Energy Bills
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Railways plans to save Rs. 3,000 crore every year on its energy bills through open access of electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that many States have agreed to allow Railways to procure electricity directly from the generator of its choice; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. Indian Railways on date is sourcing about 700 Mega Watt (MW) power under open access in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Rajasthan which is likely to result in an annualized saving of about ?1400 crore during the year 2016-17.
Further, No Objection Certificate (NOC) for availing power under open access has also been applied in the States of Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Punjab, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka etc. However, on receipt of NOC from these States, the annualized saving is likely to be about ?3000 crore.
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